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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AND WINSTON

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TAGS: PLOS, TGEN, TOCY, UR, US

SUBJECT: LOS-MSR AND US-USSR WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT

REFS: A) MOSCOW 6840, B) GENEVA 5278

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE ASAP  
TO SCST CHAIRMAN V.A. KIRILLIN FROM PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE  
ADVISOR PRESS: (BEGIN TEXT)

DEAR ACADEMICIAN KIRILLIN:

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AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE NOW  
TAKING PLACE IN GENEVA IS CONSIDERING PROPOSALS THAT AFFECT  
OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT, AND OF THE U.S. OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY, IS  
THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR A RESTRICTIVE "PRIOR CONSENT" REGIME  
FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WILL BE INIMICAL TO THE  
CONDUCT OF OCEAN RESEARCH THE WORLD OVER. WE UNDERSTAND

THAT THE SOVIET OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY SHARES SIMILAR CONCERNS. NONETHELESS, SOVIET DELEGATES AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE RESTRICTIVE "PRIOR CONSENT" REGIME. I URGE YOU TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NEEDED TO INSURE THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATES ADOPT A POSITION

ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE IDEALS OF FREE AND UNRESTRICTED OCEANS FOR LEGITIMATE MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE WORLD'S OCEANS, AND THAT IS THEREBY CONSONANT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON WORLD OCEAN STUDIES.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

FRANK PRESS  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR  
(END TEXT)

2. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.  
CHRISTOPHER

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